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| <b>REQUEST<br/>For<br/>CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)<br/>TRANSMITTAL</b><br><br>Address to:<br><b>MAIL STOP RCE<br/>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS<br/>P.O. BOX 1450<br/>ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450</b>   | Application Number 09/678,996     |
|  | Filing Date October 4, 2000       |
|  | First Named Inventor: Illy et al. |
|  | Art Unit: 1761                    |
|  | Examiner Name: Leslie A. Wong     |
|  | Attorney Docket No. 033339/204662 |
| (Revised 01/2003)  |                                   |
| <b>This is a request for <u>Continued Examination (RCE)</u> under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.</b> Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. |                                   |

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); of cites listed on PTO Form 1449
- iv. ☐ Other

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
(\$750.00 large entity; \$375.00 small entity)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17): \$930 (3 month extension)
- iii. ☐ Other: Excess claim fees as shown below:

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The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| (COL. 1)  |      | (COL. 2)                                    | (COL. 3)         | SMALL ENTITY        |               | OTHER THAN<br>A SMALL<br>ENTITY |               |
|---|------|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT                             |      | HIGHEST<br>NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA | RATE                | ADDIT.<br>FEE | OR<br>RATE                      | ADDIT.<br>FEE |
| TOTAL   | * 22 | ** 20                                       | = 2              | X 9=                | \$            | X 18=                           | \$ 36         |
| INDEP   | * 3  | *** 3                                       | = 0              | X 42=               | \$            | X 84=                           | \$            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE<br>DEP. CLAIM |      |   |                  | +140=               | \$            | +280=                           | \$            |
|   |      |   |                  | TOTAL<br>ADD FEE \$ |               | OR<br>TOTAL                     | \$ 36         |

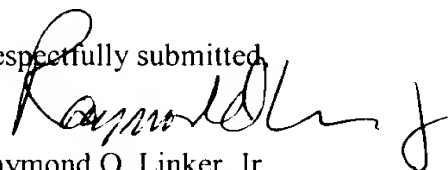
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b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1716.00 enclosed (\$750 RCE fee; \$930 extension of time fee and \$36 additional claims fee)

Respectfully submitted,



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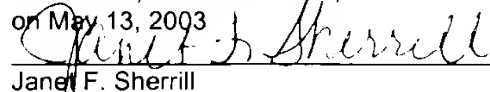
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